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I would like to comment on the proposed MS anti-trust settlement.

From my understanding of the proposed settlement it does not go far enough to allow competition. The PC BOOTLOADER NEEDS TO BE OPEN to other non-MS operating systems installed by the OEMs, without any penalty from MS.

I also think that if MS wants to control everyone's software, then MS SHOULDN'T BE IN THE ON-LINE AND HARDWARE/GAMING SYSTEMS BUSINESSES also. They should spin-off or sell their interests in Microsoft Network, XBox and other hardware products like keyboard and mice.

MS strangling their competition is great for MS shareholders, but it doesn't help the average PC user who has Windows crash on them everyday.

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